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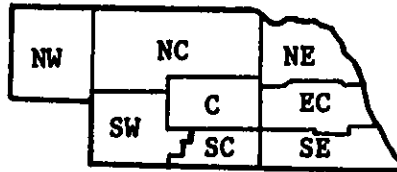
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WEATHER

Precipitation this past week was widespread with many reporting points receiving a quarter to a half an inch of water equivalent. A snow cover extending from the southern Panhandle across the southern and eastern portions kept temperatures below normal. The remainder of the State was up to seven degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Weather has generally been mild during December with little snow. Mild temperatures melted much of the snow in areas receiving heavy accumulations during November thereby permitting completion of practically all crop harvesting and much of the fall fieldwork.

Farmers and ranchers have been caring for livestock, working on tax records, repairing machinery, attending sales and agricultural meetings. Other activities include ordering supplies for the coming year, moving hay, fixing fences, and general winter chores.

CROPS

The 1980 Nebraska winter wheat crop is in better condition than last year's crop was at this time. Most of the acreage rates from fair to good whereas a year ago most of the acreage rated fair. Snow cover is generally light. Wind erosion has not been a problem so far this year.

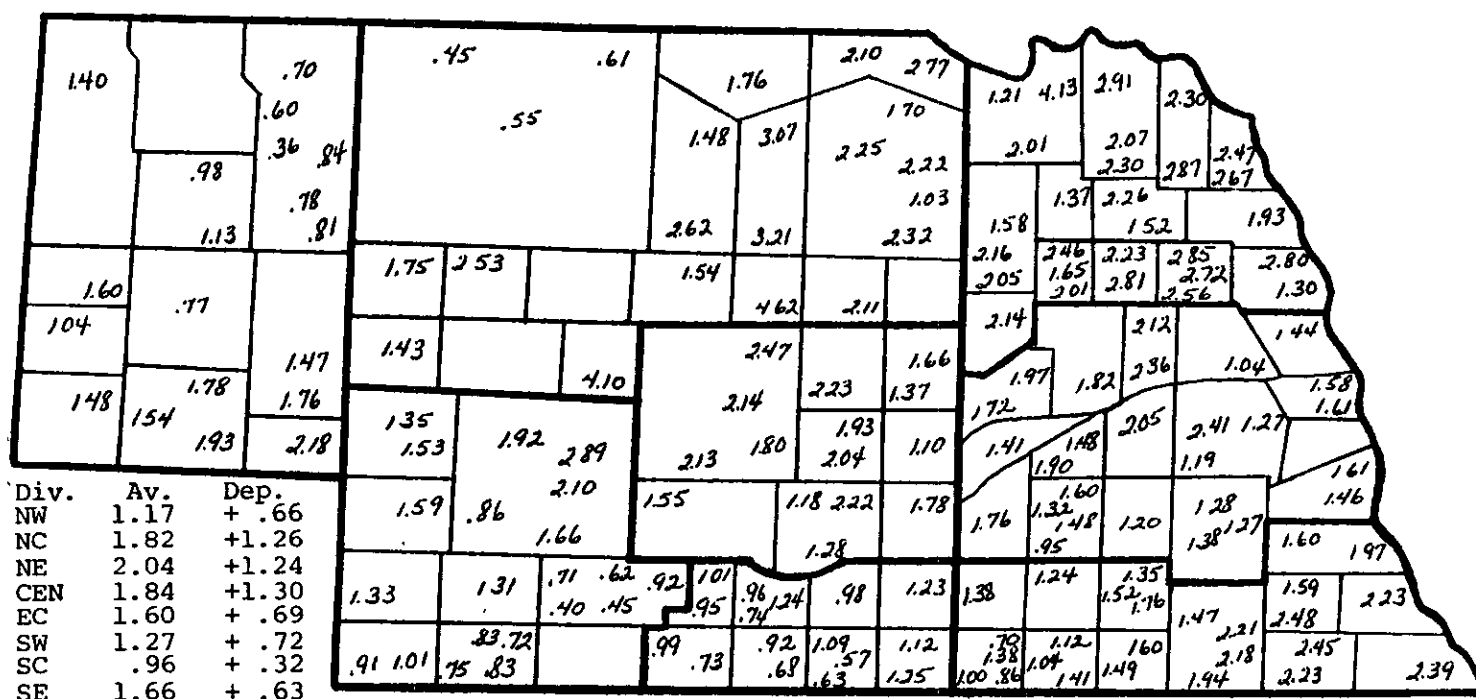
LIVESTOCK

Mild weather and light snow cover allowing extra grazing of pasture and stubble fields has reduced supplemental feeding of cattle. Over 40% of corn and sorghum fields were being pastured last week, about the same as a year earlier. About 95% of the counties reported average or above supplies of feed grains, hay and forage, and range and pasture feed.

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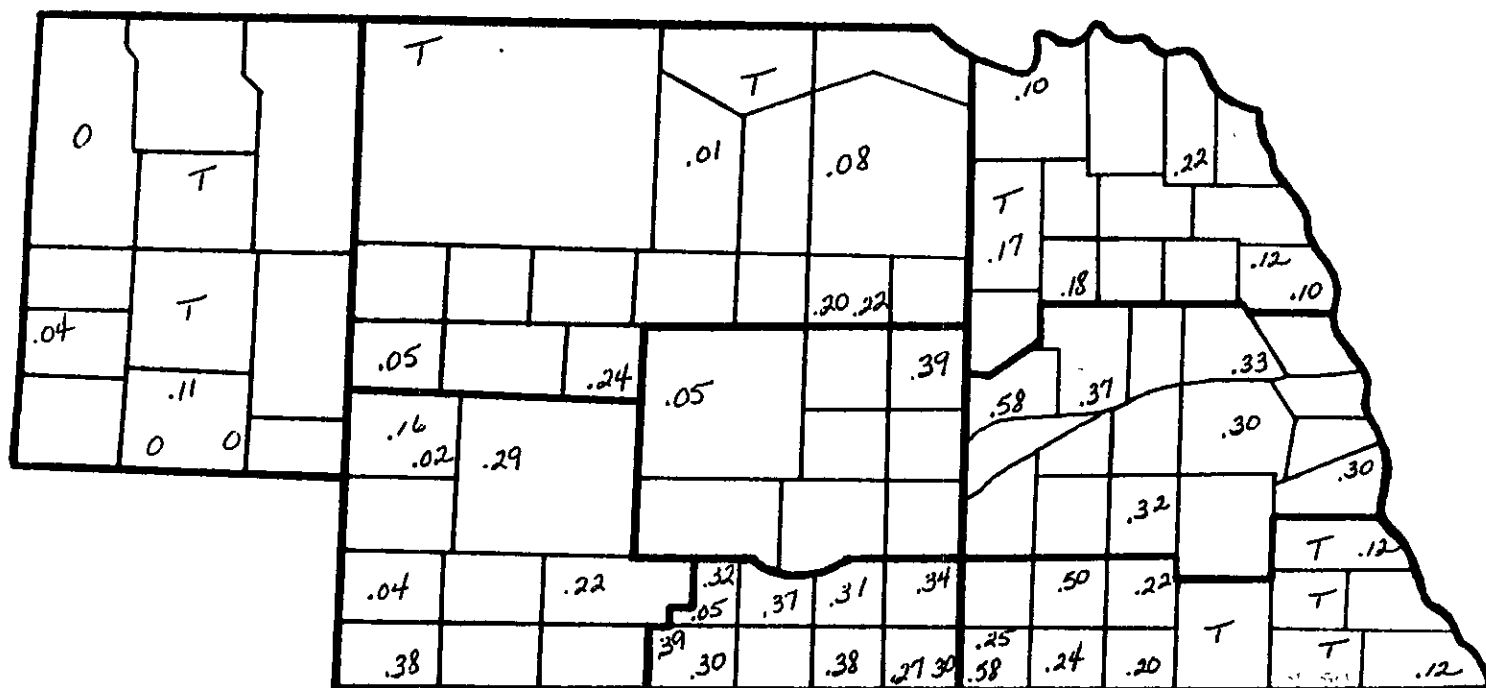
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1979 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1980



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1980

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	56	1	27	--	T
Scottsbluff	41	1	26	+1	.13
Sidney	40	7	23	--	0
NC Burwell	48	5	21	--	T
Valentine	50	2	23	+2	.01
NE Norfolk	41	9	23	+4	.02
Sioux City	35	11	25	+7	.03
CEN Grand Island	33	7	19	-3	T
EC Lincoln	35	12	23	+1	T
Omaha	34	12	25	+4	.02
SW Imperial	46	11	28	--	T
North Platte	48	10	28	+5	.09

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.